

Dear Commissioner Powell,

I urge you and the other Commissioners to stop their plans to end critical safeguards that help ensure diversity of media ownership. Under the FCC plan, as I understand it, one company in a market will be able to own the newspaper, several TV and radio stations, the cable system, and the principal Internet access company. There will be fewer owners of networks, stations, and newspapers nationwide and therefore less diverse opinions on issues. I urge you to ensure there are public hearings to discuss how such proposals will affect my community of Cambridge Massachusetts and the nation.

The further consolidation of news sources may be good for a few media owners, but it is bad for competition, the First Amendment and democracy.